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Amendment and Response

This amendment and remarks are in response to the Office Action mailed January 19, 2001, providing for a 3 month response period, making the due date April 19, 2001. This response is timely filed. Kindly enter the following amendments and remarks into the application as follows: